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SUBJECT: HANOI ALLOWS BRITISH ENVOY TO ENTER BUT DELAYS
ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS

THE BRITISH RECENTLY TOLD THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THEIR FIRST AMBASSADOR INTO HANOI. LONDON AND HANOI AGREED LAST SEPTEMBER TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS. HANOI ACCEPTED THE BRITISH NOMINEE, AMBASSADOR JOHN FAUCETT IN NOVEMBER, AND HE DEPARTED FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CAPITAL IN DECEMBER. WHILE HE WAS EN ROUTE, HANOI ASKED LONDON TO DELAY HIS ARRIVAL, USING AS THE REASON BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG. LONDON TOLD HANOI THAT IT WOULD AGREE TO DOWNGRADE FAUCETT'S TITLE TO CHARGE BUT WOULD PUBLICIZE THE REASON.

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FOR THE CHANGE SINCE THE APPOINTMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED. THIS CAUSED HANOI TO RELENT AND ALLOW FAWCETT TO ENTER THE COUNTRY ON JANUARY 23. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT ACCEPTED HIS CREDENTIALS AND APPARENTLY PLAN AN INDEFINITE DELAY IN DOING SO.

THE STORY DEMONSTRATES THE EXTENT TO WHICH HANOI WILL GO IN TRYING TO OBTAIN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION FOR THE PRG. THE FRENCH, DUTCH, AND JAPANESE ARE ENCOUNTERING GENERALLY SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH HANOI.

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